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S I R :

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 11, 2006, the term for response to which is extended by one month by Petition filed concurrently herewith to expire on November 11, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-5, 7-11, 15, 17 and 18 are canceled; claims 6, 12-14, 16 and 19-21 are maintained; and claims 22-26 are added.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.